87. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government or the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular to all or some schools in the State that Government will give aid at the rate of one anna per boy provided one anna is raised by the local people or school management for feeding the poor boys at noon time;

(*b*) the number of educational institutions, both Sirkar and Aided, in which such sort of poor feeding actually took place and the number of boys and girls fed in each institution during the last school year;

(*c*) whether Government has paid to the persons who conducted the poor feeding as promised in the circular?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) No; but an order was issued by the Director to certain schools to the effect that Government contribution towards noonday feeding of poor and necessitous children will be at the rate of six pies per pupil per day, provided an equal amount has been collected as local contribution.

(*b*) 423. Full statistics are not available as regards the number of boys and girls fed in each institution.

(*c*) Not yet.

FLOOD PROBLEM—CHOONDAL VILLAGE

88. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have not accepted a 3 year plan to combat the flood problem of Choondal village;

(*b*) will they be pleased to inform (*i*) the works turned out by the Government in the year 1117 (*ii*) the works expected to be done in 1118?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) There has not been a three year plan, but certain works have been proposed for execution in order to alleviate the problem of flood in the locality.—

They come under two headings.—

1. Improvements to canals and
2. Improvements to road-bridges.

(*b*) The improvement to the Choondal canal has been taken up this year and is expected to be completed also this year. The sill of one of the bridges has been lowered. The widening of certain other culverts on the Kunnamkulam road recommended by the Irrigation Board costing about Rs. 25,000 has not been taken up as it was thought desirable to watch the effect of the improvements of the canal, the lowering of the sill of one of the bridges and the widening of the main Keecheri bridge carried out this year.

PLANTATION DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS—PARTICULARS REGARDING

89. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the acreage of areas replanted by the Forest Department within the last 10 years and the different varieties of trees planted in the different taluks in the State;

(*b*) the total number of trees now existing in the new plantations (approximate number only needed)?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) Statement appended. *(Appendix II)*

	Approximate
(*b*) Teak Plantations	32,24,720
Regeneration areas	17,96,050
	50,20,770

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